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## **PATENT**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re: Whittle et al.

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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sirs:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows. Please calculate the filing fee after entry of the amendment. Applicants provide the present Amendment pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.